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		JP 09-270017	10/14/1997	Kunimatsu		Yes
		JP 09-330419	12/22/1997	Matsuura		Yes
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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